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New DOE director reports on school-based initiatives

The Department of Education has undertaken a massive reorganization process to decentralize its comprehensive educational reform efforts. At the helm is newly appointed Director of Education Dr. Jacinta Galea'i who says DOE's overall goal is to ensure that educational resources are used efficiently, and that these resources are tied directly to the classroom where education truly takes place.

"The Department of Education is committed to holding schools accountable for student achievement, and that means 'empowering' schools to make necessary changes in the education process at the school level," Galea'i said.

When the new school year begins later this year, schools will have control of their budgets. School principals are currently identifying their needs, based on student achievement data, and are submitting individual school reform projects. They will have access to ASG's IFAS accounting system to request purchases, supplies and services from their school site.

In addition, DOE has also begun the process of creating a Longitudinal Data System (LDS), which will allow the department "to follow student achievement throughout a student's educational tenure, and allow the department to make educational reform efforts based on actual data," Galea'i said. "This data will

also become an integral part of our evaluation process. All personnel will be held accountable for their efforts in improving student achievement, and these efforts will be evaluated using relevant data."

Galea'i concluded by saying that their current efforts also includes a comprehensive review of all personnel within the department, with an emphasis on clearly defining what role each employee has in this reform process.

"We believe this effort will ensure that the meager resources available are used to their full potential, and that each individual will clearly understand their role in this reform process," she said.

DHSS Partners With Other Service Providers to Offer Free Summer Programs

If you're a parent looking for something to keep the young ones busy during summer break, you're in luck. Because the Department of Human and Social Services' Child Care Division has partnered with 14 organizations to host the "I

CARE" about Summer Partnerships Initiative which, according to DHSS director Leilua Stevenson, seeks to provide more opportunities for families with young children to get involved in academics, sports, and other

enrichment activities.

The initiative is designed to offer parents with young more options for summer activities free of charge, and focuses on providing struc-

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Leone Substation soon to be a reality

The Architectural and Engineering Division of the Dept. of Public Works has designed a new substation to be located in Leone, and the project is now going through the standard bidding process with the Office of Procurement.

The new substation will be located between the ECE center and Leone Midkiff Elementary School, making it accessible to many outlying villages of the far western districts.

The proposed substation is estimated to come with a price tag of \$700,000 to be funded under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA).

The facility will include 3,200 sq. ft. for office spaces and a 1,500 sq. ft. garage to house emergency vehicles and fire trucks.

The proposed substation is a result of increase demands for public safety

and medical emergency services for the western district.

When the new substation is completed, first responders will be able to respond more efficiently and effectively to emergency calls or reports from residents within the western district. The installation of the new Leone Substation will be a contribution to the improvements of services to residents and will ensure and promote safer communities.

PUBLIC NOTICE

To all alcoholic beverage licensees

Be advised that the Department of Public Safety, in collaboration with the Ta'ita'itama Prevent Underage Drinking Initiative and the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board

will be conducting compliance check activities in your area beginning December 2010 and continuing through December 2011.

Please remember that selling alcoholic beverages to a person under 21 years old is illegal per American Samoa Code, Title 27, Chapter 05; Section 27.0531:

“No licensee may sell any alcoholic beverage to any person under 21.”

American Samoa is committed to protecting the health, safety, and welfare of its people. Our priority issue is to combat and prevent underage drinking and the problems that arise from this illegal activity.

**For additional information, feel free to contact the
Enforcing Underage Drinking Laws - EUDL Program
at 633-1582**

ASG RADIO PROGRAM

With: Gov. Togiola Tulafono

On: KSBS FM 92.1 Saturdays @ 7:30 a.m.

Pago Pago Park Shoreline Restoration

Project progressing well

The Pago Pago Park Shoreline Restoration project is nearing completion. This is according to Parks and Recreation director Semo Ve'ave'a.

Following the deadly earthquake/tsunami of Sept. 29, 2009, DPR conducted assessment of damages to all park properties identified under the jurisdiction of the department.

Ve'ave'a says Pago Pago Park suffered the most damages, beginning with the shoreline. FEMA conducted its own assessment and awarded restoration funding to conduct shoreline repair: from the Bay Hardware (old Soli's

Restaurant), to the existing seawall and guard rail in Satala. Representatives from DPR, FEMA, Public Works, and TOFR, came up with an appropriate design and scope of work to submit to FEMA. Once FEMA gave its approval, permit applications were made for the local PNRS and the Army Corps of Engineers.

On September 29, 2010, exactly one year later, a Nationwide Permit from the Army Corp of Engineers was issued. (Any permit for a seawall involves a number of determinations at the national level with respect to marine and wildlife, environmental protection, and historical preservation).

Ve'ave'a reports that all government agencies and businesses involved with the scope of work were notified and gave their cooperation. Thereafter, the project commenced.

McConnell Dowell was awarded the contract and the Notice to Proceed was issued on May 23, 2011. "McConnell Dowell has a good history of seawall projects, and are keeping to their reputation," Ve'ave'a said. The contractor has until September to complete the job. "But the work is moving along so well, that it is expected to be completed before the end of July," Ve'ave'a concluded.

American Samoa Council on Arts, Culture & Humanities *presents*

The Children's Culture Maintenance Summer Program 2011

The American Samoa Council on Arts, Culture, and Humanities will be sponsoring its **Children's Culture Maintenance Summer Program 2011** at the Museum compound in Fagatogo from **June 27 - July 22, 2011**.

Children will learn: *weaving, carving, Samoan legends, siapo-making, Samoan dance and music.*

Registration is now open. Please visit our office to register your child (\$5 per child: registration fee). For more information, call our office at 633-4347/4490/5613.

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i le telefoni 633-4347

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Please contact our office
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"TAPUITEA"**

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HISTORICAL NOTES

By: Stan Sorensen, Historian, Office of the Governor

On June 29, 1884, Bishop Jean-Armand Lamaze, Vicar Apostolic of Central Oceania and Administrator of Samoa, blessed the cornerstone of "the actual Cathedral of Apia".

On June 30, 1907, it was reported that "over 30 miles of fairly good roads, requiring bridges" had thus far been built in American Samoa."

On June 30, 1908, the Papatea School was opened at Ta'u, Manu'a. Vaega, a London Missionary Society pastor, was the only teacher.

On June 30, 1942, the Navy Base Report for Tutuila stated that the sailors and Marines "had two bowling alleys, but not enough room for athletic fields; a recreation center had been approved, but not yet built. Mail delivery was irregular, arriving roughly every three weeks...The acute shortage of cooking gear was blamed on the necessity of dividing the Marines into many small camps, where they could not be served by large central mess halls. Tarpaulins, needed as protection for just about everything against the incessant rainfall, were also scarce. The lack of tarpaulins contributed to the deterioration of supplies and equipment, particularly electric gear. Trucks, jeeps and other motorized vehicles were also scarce, and the Marines were borrowing trucks from the contractors to unload supplies. In 1942, the 2nd Marine Brigade established a recreation center with facilities for forty-two men at a time, so that those stationed in outlying posts could come in now and then and enjoy billiards, ping pong, cards, movies, and so on."

On July 1, 1942, Captain John Gould Moyer, Commandant of the U.S. Naval Station Tutuila, recommended to Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox that the tour of duty for all personnel on Tutuila be reduced from 18 to 12 months, because "the climate is bad for most Caucasians," and "because of the danger of filariasis."

On July 1, 1951, the U.S. Department of the Interior assumed official administration of American Samoa.

On July 1, 1951, "as the memories of the Fita Fita Guard faded into the past, its remaining members were welcomed by the United States Navy to continue their Fita careers as members of the regular Navy. Those of the Guard and Band who have not completed 20 years' service for transfer to the Fleet Reserve prior to July 1, 1951, have volunteered 100 per cent for enlistment, and their applications were accepted for enlistment some time prior to the withdrawal of the Navy from American Samoa."

On July 1, 1961, Major Eric J. Scanlan, US Air Force, was appointed as the American Samoa Government Secretary.

On July 5, 1929, Lawrence McCully Judd, who would serve as American Samoa's fourth appointed civil governor (March 4-August 5, 1953) took the oath of office as Governor of the Territory of Hawaii, after being appointed to the position by President Herbert Hoover.

On July 1, 1962, American Samoans became eligible for survivors' benefits under the Social Security Law (Public Law 87-878).

American Samoa Environmental Protection Agency (AS-EPA)

Plastic Shopping Bags BAN

Plastic Free, The Way To Be... Alternative Plastic Shopping Bag Serial Numbers Approved

AS-EPA would like to remind the public and retailers that only alternative plastic shopping bags that have been specifically approved by the AS-EPA can be distributed in American Samoa. The American Samoa Environmental Protection Agency (AS-EPA) has worked closely with the Ministry of Natural Resources & Environment (MNRE) in Samoa and has reviewed the bags and documents submitted by various retailers concerning the use of "Samoa Biobags." Based upon AS-EPA's review, "Samoa Biobags" are compliant with the new Plastic Shopping Bag Ban (PSBB), A.S.C.A. 25.2034 if they have the following serial numbers:

- CPMNREPTI/0808002
- CPMNREPTI/0710001
- CPMNREATC/0610001
- CPMNREFEE/0211009

Retailers and restaurants may use these alternative shopping bags in their stores; however, they must still comply with all other aspects of the PSBB. This is not an approval for any other plastic bag. All "Samoa Biobags" must have one of the serial numbers listed above printed on the bag to be eligible under this approval. This approval is granted with the understanding that it will expire on the date of expiration of the certification from MNRE in Samoa and may be rescinded sooner if found necessary by AS-EPA.

We also encourage any store that wishes to use alternative plastic bags to pick up instructions and a submission from our office in Pago Plaza to help expedite the approval process.

For more information please call AS-EPA at 633-2304 or visit our website: www.asepa.gov

ASCC Summer Classes Relocated to Tafuna High School Campus

By James Kneubuhl, ASCC Press Officer

In order to allow construction on classrooms to be completed in time for the fall 2011 semester, the American Samoa Community College (ASCC) today issued a notice to its faculty that for the duration of the summer semester, all classes will take place at Tafuna High School effective as of Monday, June 27th. The relocation will affect both regular daytime students as well as those taking evening and ASTEP classes. The only summer classes not included in the move are those being taught at the CNR facility and at the Teacher Education Department.

The College has worked out the locations where each of its summer classes will take place on the Tafuna campus, and this information is currently available through ASCC instructors, the

Office of Academic Affairs, or the Office of Student Services. For students seeking the location of their classes, beginning on Monday, the College will maintain a Summer Sessions Information and Support Center at Tafuna High School, located in room 406.

While the summer classes take place at Tafuna, the ASCC Library will remain open from 7:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily as a learning resource for currently-enrolled students. Tutorial services will still be available on the ASCC campus at the Student Services Learning Assistance Center (SLAC Office) next to the ASCC Cafeteria. While faculty will maintain office hours on the ASCC campus, students should confirm with individual instructors when they will be available. Bus services for students taking evening classes will now

depart from Tafuna, with the Office pickup area.

“This move is critical to the completion of our classroom renovation project currently underway”, explained ASCC President Dr. Seth Galea’i in a memo to the faculty and general staff. “I am requesting your patience and ask that we all work together to successfully complete this task. All instructors have already been given their assigned rooms at the Tafuna High School Campus, while all other divisions and offices not affected by this change will continue their normal duties here at ASCC.”

The College has asked all ASCC students, faculty and employees to wear their ASCC IDs while on the Tafuna High School campus, and to observe all existing ASCC and ASDOE policies.

DHSS Offers Free Summer Programs...*(continued from page 1)*

tured enrichment opportunities for children ages 7 to less than 13 years, with priority placements for low-income and/or single parent households.

The 14 service providers are either waiving their registration fees or providing scholarships. Programs that are normally free will provide more resources for the participants.

According to DHSS director Stevenson, the “I CARE” about Summer Partnerships Initiative “is especially critical because children are on summer break, yet our current economic climate may prevent some families from having their children participate in programs that require a fee, or free programs to serve more children

due to limited resources.”

She explained that the American Samoa Child Care Program sought and received approval to amend its State Plan to allow funds to be allocated for such an initiative. Meanwhile, DHSS is exploring the feasibility of continuing some of these partnerships beyond the summer months so that parents with children too old for child care facilities (7+ years), but less than 13 years may have more programming options to engage children after school.

A total of **\$300,000** in funds has been set aside to support organizations that will provide direct services for children such as tutoring, summer school, football,

basketball, and so much more.

Those involved in the program include the Agency for Better Living Endeavors (ABLE), AS Organization on Aging, AS Baseball Association, AS Council on Arts, Culture and Humanities, AS Tennis Association, Boys and Girls Club of American Samoa, Gear Up American Samoa, Fagaloa Development League, Katherine Kim Academy, Kip McGrath, Manumalo Baptist Academy, Pacific Island Center for Educational Development (PICED), Samoa Baptist Academy, and South Pacific Academy.

For more information, please contact the DHSS Child Care Division at 633-1571/1572.

ASCC-CNR Invites Public to Aquaponics Workshops

(Press Release) The Division of Community and Natural Resources at the American Samoa Community College (ASCC-CNR) will hold two free workshops next week for anyone interested in Aquaponics, a farming practice currently growing in popularity here in the Territory. Kiara Sakamoto, a graduate student from the University of Hawaii at Manoa (UHM) College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources, Center for Subtropical and Tropical Agriculture, will conduct the workshops. For more information on the workshops, contact Ian Gurr of ASCC-CNR at 699-1575/1394, or Kiara Sakamoto at 688-1052.

Combining hydroponics and agriculture, Aquaponics builds on the sound principles of hydroponics and substitutes the use of man-made fertilizers with fish water that is rich in nitrates for the plants. It is a balanced system where the fish and plants live in the same closed recirculating system symbiotically, with the fish providing nutrients for the plants and in turn, the plants purifying the water for the fish. For the farmer, this means less money spent on fertilizer while two products are produced in a relatively small area.

The two workshops will be held at ASCC-CNR and in Taputimu, using two existing systems to teach people about Aquaponics, how to build your own system, the maintenance requirements, and the economics of these systems. The first workshop will take place this coming Tuesday, June 28, from 9 to 11 a.m. at the ASCC-CNR facility in Mapu-

saga. The second will be held the following day, Wednesday, June 29, in Taputimu on the property of Mr. Apela Afoa, also from 9 to 11 a.m. Both workshops will be followed by a tour of the system as well as an open period for questions. There is no fee to attend either or both workshops, and anyone with an interest in Aquaponics is welcome.

Sakamoto has come to American Samoa on behalf of UHM and ASCC-CNR to build and

maintain two Aquaponics systems and share her knowledge with anyone interested on the benefits of Aquaponics. Her thesis involves the development of an Aquaponics system for use in Pacific island and urban environments where space and resources may be limited. She will also be available to visit existing Aquaponics farms both to share her knowledge and to learn about local farming projects and systems.



CNR Sea Grant Coordinator Ephraim Temple (left) and Aquaculture Extension Agent Francis Leiato inspect the aquaculture facility on the ASCC campus, which includes an Aquaponics system designed by Kiara Sakamoto of UH Manoa. Sakamoto, now on island, will give two workshops on Aquaponics this coming Tuesday and Wednesday. Call Ian Gurr of CNR at 699-1575 or Kiara Sakamoto at 688-1052 for more information. (Photo: J. Kneubuhl)

American Samoa Government Department of Education ANNOUNCEMENT

All students interested and planning to enter as Freshmen 9th grade at Nu'uuli Vocational Technical High School - School Year 2011-2012:

June 20 - Student Services Office at DOE in Utulei will accept all important documents for students who are interested in attending NVTHS;

July 6 - Deadline to submit all important documents at DOE Student Services Office in Utulei;

July 11-12 - Administer Freshmen Basic Skills Assessment in Math and English at Nu'uuli Voc-Tech campus for all students who are cleared from Student Services Office in Utulei;

July 13-14 - Panel interview with individual students. Parents are encouraged to accompany their son or daughter; Everyone must bring the following documents when signing up at Student Services Office at DOE in Utulei:

- Original Birth Certificate
- 8th grade certificate of completion
- 8th grade report card
- Immunization card
- Social security card
- Optional - One letter of recommendation from a teacher/administrator, counselor, church leader, and/or community member.

***Foreign nationals must bring documentation of immigration status.

***Private schools must bring clearance from their school administration.

Every student must get a clearance from Student Services Office before sitting the Freshmen Basic Skills Assessment in Math and English on July 11-12, 2011. Please bring two #2 pencils with you for the Basic Skills Assessment.

*For more information, please call:
Student Services @ DOE Central Office - 633-2678*

IMMUNIZE ADOLESCENTS

Come join the adolescent (11-14yrs) outreach!

HPV (Human Papillomavirus)

Info about the disease

- **HPV causes cervical cancer**

For full protection:

- **HPV1 - today**
- **HPV2 - in 1 month**
- **HPV3 - in 4 months**

MCV4 (Meningococcal Disease)

Info about the disease

- **Meningococcal is the leading cause of bacterial meningitis**
- **Can also cause blood infections**
- **MCV4 is required by some colleges**

For protection:

- **MCV4 - today**

TdaP (Tetanus, Diphtheria, and acellular Pertussis)

- **Tetanus causes painful muscle spasms**
- **Diphtheria causes breathing problems, paralysis, and heart failure**
- **Pertussis causes severe coughing spells, vomiting**

For protection:

- **TdaP - today**

Get your shots today and receive one of the following: neon arm band, dog tag, and lanyard.

1st outreach: June 18, Utulei Beach

2nd outreach: July 23, Utulei Beach

3rd outreach: October 29, Utulei Beach

*Call us for more information at 699-8464 or 699-8465
Remember to bring your parents to sign your consent form!*



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Summer Partnerships 2011

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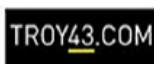
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arts, culture, & humanities



Katherine Kim
ACADEMY



The Department of Human & Social Services Child Care Division is pleased to announce our "I CARE" about Summer Partnerships Initiative, designed to offer parents with young children more options for summer activities at no cost. Additionally, these partnerships allows for priority placement of children ages 7 - less than 13 years from low-income families. Through this "I CARE" partnership, the 14 service providers listed below are either waiving registration fees or providing scholarships. And, programs that are normally free will be able to provide more resources for participants.
SPACE IS LIMITED...so ACT NOW!

PARTNER SUMMER PROGRAM PROVIDER	TYPE OF SUMMER PROGRAM	REGISTRATION FEE	No of Slots	SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE	FOR MORE INFO CALL
Agency for Better Living Endeavors (ABLE)	Academic and other enrichment activities	FREE	40	N/A, it's FREE	633-2208 & 252-2222
AIGA Foundation	Football camps and concert in conjunction with Troy Polamalu	FREE	500+	N/A, it's FREE	633-1571
American Samoa Baseball Association	Little League Baseball	FREE	300	N/A, it's FREE	770-5877
American Samoa Council on Arts, Culture & Humanities	Children's Cultural Maintenance (Traditional arts & crafts)	FREE	100	N/A, it's FREE	633-5613
American Samoa Organization on Aging (ASOA)	Senior mentoring youth program that offers cultural and other enrichment activities	FREE	40	N/A, it's FREE	699-1131
American Samoa Tennis Association	Tennis Clinics	FREE	150	N/A, it's FREE	699-6037/ 699-9512/ 258-9145/733-4119
Boys and Girls Club of American Samoa (BGCAS) & Gear Up American Samoa (GUAS)	Math, Graphic Arts, Robotics, Reading & Writing, Music, Various Sports, and Much More!	FREE	200	N/A, it's FREE	633-1582
Faagaloo Development League	Basketball	FREE	80	N/A, it's FREE	258-1054/731-4447
Katherine Kim Academy	Math Tutoring	\$360	100	YES! 50 scholarships are available!	252-5072
Kip McGrath	Academic tutoring in English, spelling, reading & math in all levels	FREE	60	N/A, it's FREE	731-2907/699-9576
Manumalo Baptist Academy	Academic and other enrichment activities	FREE	50	N/A, it's FREE	699-9512
Pacific Island Center for Educational Development (PICED)	Summer Writing Camp	FREE	30	N/A, it's FREE	699-6094/733-4515
Samoa Baptist Academy	Football, basketball, and academic camps	FREE	200	N/A, it's FREE	699-9254/731-3798
South Pacific Academy	Math, Science, History Day preparation, Language Arts, ESL, Art, Music and Crafts	\$300	175	YES! 50 scholarships are available!	699-9845/770-9300

For more information, you can also call the Child Care Division: 633-1571/ 1572.

I CARE

about Child Care



Because it Takes a Village
American Samoa Child Care Program
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